

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT
OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES TASK FORCE**



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I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation (P.L.63-2005) directing the Task Force to do the following:

- (1) Conduct studies necessary to prepare a final report that includes at least the following:
 - (A) A summary of environmental crime statutes of other states.
 - (B) A summary of requirements of federal environmental programs delegated to states.
 - (C) A summary of federal criminal sentencing guidelines.
 - (D) Recommendations about which environmental law violations should be a misdemeanor, a Class D felony, or a felony of another class.
 - (E) If determined appropriate by the task force, recommendations for legislation, including a set of specific statutory standards for determining criminal violations.
- (2) Consider in its studies the full range of issues dealing with environmental law.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Task Force met five times during the 2006 interim session on April 27, June 22, August 24, October 12, and November 17.

The Task Force progressed in its consideration of an environmental crimes bill as described in the meeting minutes, but is not required to file a final report until November 1, 2007.

Meeting minutes for the Task Force can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>.